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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

ICS Members NWMP Intelligence Working Group

SUBJECT: NWMP-2 Meeting of 17 March 1983

1. The weekly meeting of the Intelligence Working Group of NWMP-2 opened with briefings by [REDACTED] CIA/SOVA, on the Soviet view of strategic war fighting as reflected in military writings and exercises. The briefings were well received, and generated considerable discussion on the questions of ASAT usage and post-SIOP attack assessment and retargeting capability. During the discussion on the ASAT usage, a representative from the JCS said that the unusual ASAT usage contained in the scenario had been written intentionally in that manner "to give the services something to work on." The hypothesized, unrestricted use of ASATs during the conventional war phase had proved to be a contentious issue within the Intelligence Community during NWMP-1. [REDACTED]

2. I advised the Working Group that the FBI and the CIA/CI Staff had been contacted on the subject of the threat to US intelligence assets by Soviet counterintelligence forces, and that briefings on the threats to intelligence installations in CONUS and overseas were being arranged. [REDACTED]

3. I was approached by [REDACTED] on detail from CIA/ODE to Ms. Vajtas' staff, after the meeting with a request as to what specific CIA activities could benefit from funding out of the NWMP effort. [REDACTED] was vague about the application of funds, suggesting HUMINT, FBIS, or the OSO activities, and the possibility of a contract to conduct studies. I told him that this was the first time that I had heard of the availability of funds, and asked him to send a note to me outlining the amounts and nature of the projects. He agreed to do so, and said that he would call me in the afternoon. I attempted to contact him this morning and was told that he was on sick leave, but would call next week. [REDACTED]

4. The Chairman, Ms. Tish Vajta, requested a status report on the Parallel Studies Task (Task 10, to be given at the next meeting on 24 March). The two parallel studies are the Imagery Mix and SIGINT Mix Studies that Ms. Vajta originally intended to conduct, but were determined to be the responsibility of the DCI's Committees on SIGINT and Imagery Exploitation. [REDACTED]

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